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SUBJECT: SOVIET JEWISH EMIGRATION FOR FEBRUARY

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1. ISRAELI EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON REPORTS THAT SOME 1,300

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SOVIET JEWS WITH SOVIET EXIT DOCUMENTS FOR ISRAEL

EMIGRATED FROM THE USSR DURING FEBRUARY, OF WHICH ABOUT 400, OR ROUGHLY 30 PERCENT, OPTED TO EMIGRATE TO THE US INSTEAD OF ISRAEL. THIS IS CLOSE TO THE JANUARY FIGURES (1,250 TOTAL, WITH 355 CHANGING COURSE FOR THE US), BUT SIGNIFICANTLY BELOW THE 1974 MONTHLY AVERAGE OF 1,735.

2. THE DUTCH EMBASSY IN MOSCOW, WHICH PROCESSES SOVIET JEWS WITH EXIT PERMISSION FOR ISRAEL, FEELS THAT THE DIMINISHED RATE FOR 1975 IS ACCOUNTED FOR PRIMARILY BY THE UNCERTAIN PSYCHOLOGICAL MOOD OF POTENTIAL EMIGRANTS (I.E., UNEASINESS ABOUT LIVING CONDITIONS IN ISRAEL, RISK OF HARASSMENT WITHIN USSR ONCE INTENT TO EMIGRATE IS DECLARED.)

3. CONTRARY VIEW IS HELD BY ISRAELI EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON, WHICH CITES INCREASED DEMAND ON PART OF SOVIET JEWS FOR LETTERS OF INVITATION FROM ISRAEL (NOW RUNNING ABOUT 2,800 PER MONTH) AS EVIDENCE OF CONTINUING HIGH INTEREST IN EMIGRATION, AND IS CONVINCED SOVIET AUTHORITIES ARE CAREFULLY ORCHESTRATING MONTHLY EMIGRATION RATE BY BUREAUCRATIC MEANS. INGERSOLL

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